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any of Dr. Talmage's discourses, recnmends right doing for this world as vell as preparation for the heavenly erld; text, Job viii, 14, "Whose trust hall be a spider's web.

The two most skillful architects in all the world are the bee and the spider. The one puts up a sugar manufactory, and the other builds a slaughter house for flies. On a bright summer morning when the sun comes out and shines upon the spider's web, bedecked with dew, the gossamer structure seems bright enough for a suspension bridge for aerial beings to cross on. But alas for the poor fly which in the latter part of that very day ventures on it and is caught and dungeoned and destroyed! The fly was informed that it was a free bridge and would cost nothing, but at the other end of the bridge the toll paid was its own life. The next day there comes down a strong wind, and away go the web and the marauding spider and the victimized fly. So delicate are the silken threads of the spider's web that many thousands of them are put together before they become visible to the human eye, and it takes 4,000, 000 of them to make a thread as large as the human hair. Most cruel as well support the human hair at the solutions. In them are the great corporations. In them are the great arteries through which run the iterated, if this country is ever to be as most ingenious is the spider. A prisoner in the Bastille, France, had one so trained that at the sound of the violin it every day came for its meal of flies. The author of my text, who was a leading scientist of his day, had no doubt watched the voracious process of this one insect with another and saw spider and fly swept down with the same broom or scattered by the same wind. Alas that the world has so many de-

signing spiders and victimized flies! There has not been a time when the utter and black irresponsibility of many men having the financial interests of others in charge has been more evident than in these last few years. The bankruptcy of banks and disappearance of administrators with the funds of large estates and the disordered accounts of United States officials have sometimes made a postilence of crime that solemn izes every thoughtful man and woman and leads every philanthropist and stay the plague? There is ever and of dishonest men to got more than their back of your head and see whether your anon a mousoon of swindle abroad, a cut terribly deep, out they go. We have no bread to offer vou, it's all they go they all sometimes ask myself if it would not be better for men making wills to bequeath the property directly to the executors and offinerly myself if it would not be better for men making wills to bequeath the property directly to the executors and offinerly myself if it would not be better for men making wills to bequeath the property directly to the executors and offinerly myself if it would not be better for men making wills to bequeath the property directly to the executors and offinerly myself if it would not be better for men making wills to bequeath the property directly to the executors and offinerly myself if it would not be better for men making wills to bequeath the property myself if it would not be better for men making wills to bequeath the property myself if it would not be better for men making wills to bequeath the property myself if it would not be better for men making wills to bequeath the property myself if it would not be better for men making wills to bequeath the property myself if it would not be better for men making wills to bequeath the property myself if it would not be better for men making wills to be a secretary myself if it would not be better for men making will n typhoon. a sirocco. I sometimes ask have no bread to offer you, it's all cash of the court and appoint the widows and orphans a committee to see that the former got all that did not belong to them. The simple fact is that long to the many more specie, and more specie, and more clearing house certification. there are a large number of men sailing yachts and driving fast horses and members of expensive clubhouses and controlling country seats who are not worth a dollar if they return to others their just rights. Under some sudden reverse they fall, and with afflicted air seem to retire from the world and seem to retire from the world and seem almost ready for receasing house certificates, and more clearing house certificates, and more legal tender notes, and the rote, and the more loans and more discounts than the files of a Glasgow paper to see if any of the tragedies Miss Macleod depoints and the judgment day was at least 5,000 years off found it in 1898 or 1897 or 1896. And this nation has been taught that seem to retire from the world and seem almost ready for recently life, when in two or three years they blossom out properly product capital have been obliter- that of any bank examiner will go opposite a house in Edinburgh, where creditors-that is, paid them nothing but regret, and the only difference between the second chapter of prosperity and the first is that their pictures are Murillos instead of Kensetts and their | if. horses go a mile in 20 seconds less than their predecessors, and instead of one country seat they have three. I have watched and have noticed that nine out of ten of those who fail in what is called high life have more means after than before the failure, and in many of the cases failure is only a stratagem to escape the payment of honest debts and put the world off the track while they practice a large swindle. There is some thing woefully wrong in the fact that

Where the Responsibility Rests. for a president or cashier or prominent officer of a banking institution to swindle it year after year without detection. I will undertake to say that if these frauds are carried on for two or three years without detection either the directors are partners in the infamy and guilty of a culpable neglect of duty, for which God will hold them as responsi-ble as he holds the acknowledged defrauders. What right have prominent business men to allow their names to be published as directors in a financial institution so that unsophisticated people are thereby induced to deposit their money in or buy the scrip thereof A first-class preparatory school for the leading colleges of the country—and pupils with diploma of academy will be prepared to enter senior classes of same. Write for catalogue. doing nothing for the safety of the institution? It is a case of deception most reprehensible. Many people with a surplus of money, not needed for imme-W. S. Richardson's further on indispensable, are without they are guided solely by the character Send your orders to me I will make prices as low as any Can ship on any Express that goes down your Rail Road or

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"Oh," some will say, "better preach into wild speculation lose all, but I lation. Which Causes the Ruin of the gospel and let business matters have a better warning than a worldly alone." I reply, if your gospel does not warning. From the place where men inspire common honesty in the dealings have perished—body, mind, soul—stand of men, the sconer you close up your off, stand off! Abstract pulpit discus-WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—This, like gospol and pitch it into the depths of the Atlantic ocean the better. An or- Faith and repentance are absolutely thodox swindler is worse than a heterodox swindler. The recitation of all the catechisms and creeds ever written and partaking of all the communion chalices that ever glittlered in the churches And while I mean to preach faith and of Christendom will never save your soul unless your business charactee corresponds with your religious profession. in chasing the Hittites and Jebusites Some of the worst scoundrels in Ameriand Girgashites of Bible times when ca have been members of churches, and there are so many evils right around us they got fat on sermons about heaven destroying men and women for time when they most needed to have the pulpits preach that which would either istic preacher the world ever saw, a bring them to repentance or thunder them out of the holy communions where their presence was a sacrilege and an vide things honest in the sight of all

men;" wrote to the Corinthians, "Do The Abuse of Sacred Trust. We must especially deplore the mis- | Philippians. "Whatsoever things are fortunes of banks in various parts of honest;" this country in that they damage the | ing in all things to live honestly." The banking institution, which is the great Bible says that faith without works is conv. nience of the centuries and indis- dead, which, being liberally translated, pensable to commerce and the advance means that if your business life does of nations. With one hand it blesses the not correspond with your profession lender, and with the other it blesses the your religion is a humbug. borrower. On their shoulders are the currents of the nation's life. They have delivered from its calamities and combeen the resources of the thousands of mercial prosperity is to be established financiers in days of business exigency. | and perpetuated: Live within your They stand for accommodation, for fa- means. Spend no more than you make. cility, for individual, state and national | And let us adjust all our business and relief. At their head and in their man-agement there are as much interest and Christian religion. Our religion ought moral worth as in any class of men, per- to mean just as much on Saturday and haps more. How nefarious, then, the behavior of those who bring disrepute to be a mere periphrasis of sanctity. upon this venerable, benignant and God | Our religion ought to first clean our hearts, and then it ought to clean our onored institution.

We also deplore abuse of trust funds lives. Religion is not, as some seem to because the abusers fly in the face of think, a sort of church delectation, a divine goodness which seems determined | kind of confectionery, a sort of spiritual to bless this land. We are having a se- caramel, or holy gumdrop, or sanctified ries of unexampled national harvests. peppermint, or theological anæsthetic. The wheat gamblers get hold of the It is an omnipotent principle, all conwheat, and the corn gamblers get hold trolling, all conquering. You may get of the corn. The full tide of God's along with something less than that, mercy toward this land is put back by and you may deceive yourself with it, those great dikes of dishonest resist-ance. When God provides enough food and clothing to feed and apparel this but you cannot deceive God, and you cannot deceive the world. The keen business man will put on his spectacles, whole nation like princes, the scramble and he will look clear through to the share, and get it at all hazards, keeps religion is a fiction or a fact. And you everything shaking with uncertainty cannot hide your samples of sugar, or rice, or tea, or cone if they are false, Every week makes new revelations. you cannot hide them under the cloth How many more bank presidents and of a communion table. All your prayers Gaels, whose dislike for Miss Macleod's bank cashiers have been speculating go for nothing so long as you misreprewith other people's money, and how sent your banking institution, and in many more bank directors are in imbe- the report of the resources you put down the great and patient God only knows! rency, and more clearing house certifithe world and seem and this nation has been studied the men must keep their hands out of other nastic life, when in men must keep their hands out of other obligations to other banks and bankers searches were unavailing. Still another they blossom out People's pockets. Great businesses built An authority more scrutinizing than Gael is said to have done detective duty ated, and men who had nothing have through and through and through your lost all they had. I believe we are start- business. ed on a higher career of prosperity than this land has ever seen, if, and if, and

Cantion to Speculators. tian men, will learn never to speculate the presence of God and the world, be upon borrowed capital-if you have a as careful of the property of others as fe the mind to take your own money and turn | you are careful of your own. Above all, speech, in which he described the interit all into kites, to fly them over every common in the United States, you do bank separate from your account as follows society no wrong, except when you trustee of an estate or trustee of an intumble your helpless children into the stitution. That is the point at which poorhouse for the public to take care of. | thousands of people make shipwreck. But you have no right to take the mon- They get the property of others mixed ey of others and turn it into kites. up with their own property; they put it There is one word that has deluded into investment, and away it all goes, prices, said the emperor of all the Rusmore people into bankruptcy and state and they cannot return that which they sias. prison and rain than any other word in borrowed. Then comes the explosion, commercial life, and that is the word and the money market is shaken, and price lists. The czar glanced at the first borrow. That one word is responsible for all the defalcations and embezzle thunders expulsion. You have no right tired to study them over. ments and financial consternations of to use the property of others, except for the last 20 years. When executers con- their advantage, nor without consent, clude to speculate with the funds of an unless they are minors. If with their ine these prices carefully. consent you invest their property as estate committed to their charge, they do not purloin; they say they only bor | well as you can and it is all lost, you draft upon his institution, he does not could. But do not come into the delu- News Letter.

sion which has ruined so many men of commit a theft; he only borrows. When the officer of a company by thinking because a thing is in their daming advertisement in some religious possession therefore it is theirs. You papers and gilt certificate of stock gets have a solemn trust that God has given multitude of country people to put you. In any assemblage there may be their small earnings into an enterprise some who have misappropriated trust for carrying on some undeveloped noth- funds. Put them back, or if you have ing, he does not fraudulently take their so hopelessly involved them that you money: ho only borrows. When a young cannot put them back confess the whole has fed on terror and grown old in man with easy access to his employer's tuning to those whom you have wronged carnage, the charm that draws men to man with easy access to his employer's money drawer or the confidential clerk and you will sleep better nights and by close propinquity to the account you will have the better chance for books takes a few dollars for a Wall your soul. What a sad thing it would be if after you are dead your adminisstreet excursion, he expects to put it back. He will put it all back. He will trator should find out from the account put it all back very soon. He only bor- books or from the lack of vouchers that rows. Why, when you are going to do you are not only bankrupt in estate, but that you lost your soul! If all the wrong, pronounce so long a word as trust funds that have been misapproborrow, a word of six letters, when you can get a shorter word more descriptive priated should suddenly fly to their can get a shorter word more descriptive of the reality, a word of only five letters the word steal? ters, the word steal?

There are times when we all borrow every city in America. and borrow legitimately and borrow A missionary in one of the islands of the Pacific preached on dishonesty, and by Marion Crawford the next morning he looked out of his window and he saw his yard full of goods of all kinds. He wondered and asked the cause of all this. "Well," said the natives, "our gods that we yesterday, the God of heaven and earth all these goods and we ask you to help ministers in America should preach seron the evils of purloining, and the sermons were all blessed of God and regucellar to cupola. others near enough to be made game all the Hanways and the Needles and

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raise one crop, and the abbot sowed Faith and Repentance Necessary. acorns, a crop of 200 years! And I tell If I had only a worldly weapon to you, young man, that the dishonesties use on this subject, I would give you which you plant in your heart and life will seem to be very insignificant, but ity, that 90 per cent of those who go

they will grow up until they will over-

shadow you with horrible darkness,

vershadow all time and all eternity.

It will not be a crop for 200 years, but crop for everlasting ages. I have also a word of comfort for all sion must ster aside on this question. who suffer from the malfeasance of others, and every honest man, woman and necessary, but faith and repentance are no more doctrines of the Bible than financial scampdom. Society is so commercial integrity. "Render to all bound together that all the misfortunes their dues." "Owe no man anything. which good people suffer in business matters come from the misdeeds of othrepentance, more and more to preach Bear up under distress, strong in them. I do not mean to spend any time God He will see you through, though your misfortunes should be centupled. and Girgashites of Bible times when scientists tell us that a column of air 45 miles in height rests on every man's head and shoulders. But that is nothand for eternity. The greatest evangelbusiness life has put upon many of you. man who died for his evangelism--peer-God made up his mind long ago how many or how few dollars it would be less Paul-wrote to the Romans,

that which is honest:" wrote to the et you out and let you up. What shock of delight for men who for 30 years wrote to the Hebrews, "Willhave been in basiness anxiety when they shall suddenly awake in everlasting holiday! On the maps of the arctic regions there are two places whose names are remarkable, given, I suppose, by some polar expedition—Cape Farewell and Thank God harbor. At Here is something that needs to be this last the Polaris wintered in 1871 and the Tigress in 1873. Some ships have passed the cape, yet never reached the harbor. But from what I know of many of you I have concluded that, though your voyage of life may be very rough, run into by icebergs on this side and icebergs on that, you will in due time reach Cape Farewell, and there bid goodby to all annoyances, and soon after drop anchor in the calm and imperturbable waters of Thank God har-"There the wicked cease from

> The Secret of Flona Macleod. We are told by the London Academy that Miss Fiona Macleod has had to make extraordinary efforts to maintain of it was taken at the ministry of the

troubling and the weary are at rest.'

the secret of her personality. Miss Macleod's letters have to be rethey come into her hands. She is known to a small circle who keep the secret well; her forcible handwriting is known to many. No editor has managed to get her photograph, though one had it in his hands. We doubt if Miss Macleod's publishers have met her. At first Mr. William Sharp did a good deal of her business work, but she superintends it herself now. The mystery as to her identity is not one that will arouse the suspicion of the literary, but certain work amounts to a passion, have sought assiduously to force her to reveal her personality.

Every sort of criticism except that which is literary has been applied to Macleod sometimes stays, and Miss Macleod is as unknown as ever.

What Seared the Czar. Gathered in all religious assemblages there are many who have trust funds. At the recent banquet in San Fran-It is a compliment to you that you have cisco given Irving M. Scott, the build-his eyes told a story of suffering and If the first men, and especially Christien so intrusted, but I charge you, in er of the Oregon, upon his return from r its of the evening by a keep your own private account at the view between the czar and Mr. Scott as

> "Having heard so much about the builder of the Oregon, the czar sent for him when he wanted to build some nice new battleships of his own. "'Let me see your schedule of

"Mr. Scott handed over one of his the press denounces, and the church

figure that caught his eye. Then he re-" Before awarding the contracts."

he said to Mr. Scott, 'I want to exam-"On the following day the czar issued his famous appeal for the disarmament

When a banker makes an over- are not to blame. You did the best you of the whole world."-San Francisco

The Magie of Rome.

The story of Rome is a tale of murder and sudden death, varied, changing, never repeated in the same way; there is blood on every threshold; a tragedy lies buried in every church and chapel, and again we ask in vain wherein lies the magic of the city that her, the power that holds, the magic that enthralls men soul and body, as Lady Venus cast her spells upon Tannhauser in her mountain of old. Yet none deny it, and as centuries roll on the poets, the men of letters, the musicians, the artists of all ages, have come to her from far countries and have dwelt here while they might, some for long years, some for the few months to its owners, it would crush into ruin a song that breathes the threefold mystery of love, eternity and death. "Studies From the Chronicles of Rome,"

and his gormandizing defies all human competition. A scientist who carefully have been worshiping permit us to noted a spider's consumption of food in steal; but, according to what you said 24 hours concluded that if the spider were built proportionately to the human will not allow this. So we bring back scales he would cat at daybreak (approximately) a small alligator, by 7 a. us in taking them to the places where they belong." If next Sabbath all the pard, by 1 o'clock a sheep and would pard, by 1 o'clock a sheep and would finish up with a lark pie in which there mons on the abuse of trust funds and were 120 birds. Yet, in spite of his enormous appetite, a spider has wonderful power of refraining from food, and lations were made that all these things one has been known to live for ten his old blind mother 1,000 miles in a months when absolutely deprived of would not be long before every city food. A bestle lived in a similar state of unrefreshment for three years.—St. Louis-Globe-Democrat.

The One Day Cold Cure.

DIPLOMATIC CIPHERS.

Secret Codes Which Prove to Be Any-

To Mr. Labouchere are due our heartiest thanks, our warmest congratulations. Ever since The Outlook came into being we have insisted, in season and out of season, upon the folly of permitting every official and unofficial telegraphic message to and from the far east to pass through an office in Hong-kong jointly tenanted and controlled by Anglo and Russo-Danish companies. 'But," the companies have said in rehild does suffer from what goes on in ply to our remonstrances, "what nonsense you talk! Every important message, official and private, goes under cover of a code. What could be more secure?" Let Mr. Labouchere reply. He was one of the secretaries of Lord Napier of Ettick when that diplomatist was embassador at St. Petersburg, and here is a pretty tale he tells in Truth:

"I suppose I am telling no tales out of school in relating the following: ing compared with the pressure that Prince Gortchakof, the Russian chancellor, asked Lord Napier to communicate from St. Petersburg some information to the British government. This best for you to have. Trust to his appointment. The door will soon open to let you out and let you up. What shock Russian foreign office was already able to read his cipher, so he said, 'I will send it by telegraph.' Prince Gortchakof on this began to fidget, and said, 'I do not wish my colleagues to know what I am communicating to you. 'Certainly,' replied Lord Napier, 'but you have nothing to fear, as I will send it in my cipher.' Still more did the prince fidget. At last he said: 'We are old friends, and we understand the ne cessity of diplomacy. The truth is that we can decipher the code that you usually use.' On this Lord Napier promised to send it by messenger, the fact being that codes used by diplomatists were deciphered at the ministry of the interior, and it was precisely the minister of the interior who was not to know that the information had been

> And this, Mr. Labouchere goes on to tell us, is how the trick was done: "Whenever a foreign representative

(at St Petersburg) received a telegram in cipher from his government, a copy interior. If the representative receiving the telegram communicated to the Rusaddressed three or four times before sian minister of foreign affairs anything a day or two later, this, too, was sent to the ministry of the interior. The communication and the telegram were then compared. Supposing the cipher to be a series of numbers, as is usual, a few words would thus be made out. The clews thus obtained would increase according to the frequency of the telegrams received, and in a very short time it would be possible to read the whole cipher."

Can any sane person suppose that the tricks of Lord Napier's day have been forgotten-that indeed they have not been improved upon? And yet our foreign office calmly ignores the fact that our telegraphic base at Hongkong is in the hands of a combination in which Russo-Danish influence plays a large part.-London Outlook.

Not all the heroes were at Santiago. One of them came forward recently in Topeka when the Santa Fe railroad found it necessary to reduce the force employed in the freight department. Among those who were to be dis-

charged was a man with a wife and half a dozen children, and his salary was the family's only income. Lines appeared in his face as the expiration of his term of service drew near, and despair

Dean Waters, a fellow employee, saw all this. It made him sick at heart, and his folks saw that there was something the matter, but he kept his thoughts to himself. For a week he watched the other workman suffer in silence, and at night he could not sleep for thinking of the hardships in store for the man's wife and little ones. Then he made a resolve. Going to the head of the de partment, he said: "If I resign my position, will you

keep Mr. Blank?"
"Yes," replied the head of the de partment

"Accept my resignation," said Waters, and he left the room without another word. -Topeka Capital.

Magnesia Instead of Carbon A new form of incandescent electric

lamp has been invented by Professor Nernst of Gottingen. Instead of a carbon filament in an exhausted bulb it has a block of magnesia, heated to an enormously high temperature. The principle relied upon is the fact that when magnesia is heated above 8,000 degrees C. it becomes a good conductor of electricity and will retain its brilliant incandescence without much expenditure of current. To start the lamp, however, it is necessary first to heat the magnesia up to a certain temperature, and this is effected by Professor Nernst by placing it in the focus of a reflector, on the inner side of which is a spiral of platinum wire, which is readily brought to bright heat. As soon as a current starts in the magnesia the platinum wire is cut off. It is claimed that the new lamp is economical and that it

He Robbed Discourteously. A letter to the editor which has just appeared in the leading papers of Palermo bears the signature of Candino, the most feared and murderous of Sicilian brigands, and is destined to inform the readers that he has expelled from his The spider has a tremendous appetite, band a notorious robber named Galbo, as having been guilty of "discourteous and unmannerly conduct in his dealings with the public." The letter ends with the words "kindest greetings of friend-

gives a purer light than the carbon fila-

ment, but this remains to be proved.

ship."-Paris Messenger.

Miss Hu King Eng, a young Chinese voman who studied for seven years in the University of Michigan and took the degree of M. D. there, is now in charge of a hospital at Fuchau. Such is her reputation that a cooly wheeled wheelbarrow to take her to "the woman doctor." An operation for double cataract was performed, and the woman can now see as well as ever.

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these things are possible. First of all, I charge the blame on reless, indifferent bank directors and poards having in charge great financial institutions. It ought not to be possible pocket part of the theft or they are when they, the published directors, are diate use, although it may be a little friends competent to advise them, and of the men whose names are associated with the institution. When the crash came and with the overthrow of the banks went the small earnings and limited fortunes of widows and orphans

and the helplessly aged, the directors with the divine blessing, for Christ-in stood with idiotic stare, and to the in- his Sermon on the Mount enjoins, quiry of the frenzied depositors and "From him that would borrow of thee stockholders who had lost their all, and turn not thou away." A young man to the arraignment of an indignant rightly borrows money to get his edu-public, had nothing to say except: "We thought it was all right. We did not able to pay all down in cash, the purknow there was anything wrong going chaser rightly borrows it on mortgage.
on." It was their duty to know. The Crises come in business, when it would stood in a position which deluded the be wrong for a man not to borrow. But people with the idea that they were I roll this warning through all these carefully observant. Calling themselves aisles, over the backs of all these pews, directors, they did not direct. They never borrow to speculate—not a dollar, not a cent, not a farthing. Young and inspecting the books. No time to men, I warn you by your worldly prosdo so? Then they had no business to pects and the value of your immortal accept the position. It seems to be the souls, do not do it. There are breakers pride of some moneyed men to be di- distinguished for their shipwrecks-the ectors in a great many institutions, and Hanways, the Needles, the Caskets, the all they know is whether or not they Douvers, the Anderlos, the Skerriesget their dividends regularly, and their and many a craft has gone to pieces on names are used as decoy ducks to bring those rocks, but I have to tell you that

should be taken to the city halls, it hall in Ameirca would be crowded from of. What first of all is needed is that the Caskets and the Skerries are as

pany directors resign or attend to their breakers which bound the ocean of business as directors. The business commercial life north, sour east and will never pay. An about wanted to buy pany directors resign or attend to their | breakers which bound the ocean of manner to all young men, dishonesty

Let me say in the most emphatic